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DEATH LIST FIVE HUNDRED

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DESOLATION AND WANT FOLLOW TORNADO'S PATH

New Orleans, La., April 25.—Probably half a thousand lives lost, a hundred or more persons fatally injured and many times this number painfully hurt, together with a property loss running up into the millions is the record so far of the cyclone which originated in the west two days ago. Sweeping across Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, Alabama, and Georgia, it has left a path of death, desolation and want in its wake, seriously interrupting all communication between cities in the south and brought about chaotic conditions in many smaller towns.

Mississippi, already a sufferer from more than one cyclone this year, has again borne the brunt of the winds and rains. Reports received from that state indicate that the loss of life will be far the greatest within her borders. Estimates on the number of those who lost their lives as result of the cyclone in Mississippi place the death list between 150 and 190 with a thousand or more injured.

In Texas, Louisiana, Alabama and Georgia the death lists are also large, with serious loss of life in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas. Authentic information is in many instances lacking owing to crippled facilities for communication and lack of time to form anything like accurate estimates of the damage done in many sections.

The tornadoes lasted, altogether, about 12 hours, striking one town after another from before midnight on Friday until mid-afternoon.

Purvis, Miss., was utterly demolished. Five other towns were practically blown away. Fifteen villages are in more or less acute stages of ruin.

With the wounded who came out of the tornado district came details of one of the worst wind disasters in the history of the gulf states. First of all it became known that negroes comprised most of the dead.

Picturesque dark cabins of flimsy construction were converted by the wind into wholesale death traps. It was in the fall of these cabins that most of the negro deaths occurred and that most were badly injured.

Of about 200 dwellings at Purvis only seven are left standing. The school was dismissed only a moment before the storm struck. One of the children killed is said to have been lifted high in the air and while above the ground to have been hit by flying timbers. When the storm was over a special train with physicians went to Purvis, while a second relief train went to Lumberton. A man who drove into Purvis last night said he saw bodies which he took to be those of negroes by the side of the road. At nightfall Purvis was put under martial law, with a militia company preserving order.

No damage or loss of life occurred at Hattiesburg, Miss.

Amite, La., was so badly damaged it was placed under martial law.

Forty persons were at dinner in the Commercial Hotel at Amite, when the storm carried the roof away, but none of the diners was hurt. The path of the storm was about two and a half miles wide, and when it had passed Amite stood a wreck. Many farm animals were killed. The greatest loss of life among negroes occurred in the vicinity of Natchez, Miss.

In the vicinity of Church Hill, Miss., a negro baby was caught up by the wind, carried 300 yards and deposited in a swamp unharmed. The body of a little negro boy was found in a field nearby with a piece of timber driven through his heart.

Trains running into New Orleans on various railroads report heavy damages along the lines, and it is believed the dead in Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama will reach several hundred.

Atlanta, Ga., April 25.—As a result of the storm which last night swept into Georgia after having done extensive damages in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, twenty-five persons are dead and at least one hundred injured while many others received bruises and scratches from flying debris in a dozen towns in this state. The storm which first appeared at Columbus, on the Alabama line, moved in a northeasterly direction, striking the towns of Shipley, Harris, Lagrange, Griffin, McDonough, Locust Grove, Cedartown, and Cave Springs, while a portion of its fury was felt in the eastern suburbs of Atlanta shortly after midnight. At Cave Springs, near Rome, where the largest loss of life occurred, nine persons were killed and nine injured, while a score of negroes are reported badly bruised and many of them injured. In this vicinity the wind swept a path a mile wide and five miles long, from the outskirts of Cave Springs, in a southwestern direction to Hani. There is not a house left standing in the storm-swept area.

New Orleans, April 27.—With about 325 newly made graves distributed broadcast over nearly the entire width of Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama, the dead in Friday's tornadoes had been mostly cared for tonight, and it is possible to say with accuracy that the death list in these States would not exceed 350. The few who may yet be added to the fatalities are possibly a score of the 200 most seriously wounded in hospitals throughout the State. The remaining injured, numbering about 1,000 were reported on the road to recovery.

Bought Thoroughbred Stock.

Dr. W. J. Quick, of the Live Stock Department of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, was a visitor to Tazewell on the 24th inst. He came to our county to look for some thoroughbred stock to be used for experimental work at the Institute. He visited the farm of Mr. H. S. Bowen near Wiggins Mills, and we hear that he bought from Mr. Bowen a fine thoroughbred bull and, perhaps, some other stock. Dr. Quick was shown over the town by Mr. John W. Campbell, of the Tazewell White Lime Works, and he was greatly pleased with our beautiful town and its up-to-date appearance. We hope that Dr. Quick will visit us again.

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JNO. W. CROCKETT PASSES AWAY

For Many Years One of Tazewell's Leading and Most Popular Citizens.

HIS DEATH IS DEEPLY MOURNED.

He Had Been Frequently Honored By His People and Hundreds of Friends and Relatives Attended His Funeral and Burial.

On last Friday afternoon at about two o'clock John W. Crockett, one of the leading and most useful citizens of our town and county, departed this life, aged fifty-seven years. He had been in failing health for more than a year, and for more than a week in a very serious condition. But while his death was a distinct shock to the community, it was not unexpected. The immediate cause was heart trouble, with other complications. Up to a few days previous to his death he continued to go about and was on the streets as late as the Wednesday previous; and only a week before he was in Russell county on business.

Mr. Crockett was born and raised in Tazewell county, three miles west of town, and was the youngest son of the late Captain John Crockett. His mother was a Miss Gillespie and he was related to many people in the county. More than thirty years ago he was married to Miss Grace Hopkins, daughter of John C. Hopkins, deceased. He is survived by his wife and two sons, Robert O. and W. Goggin, and two daughters, Mrs. R. S. and Mrs. W. J. Gillespie.

The deceased had for the past thirty years been prominent in the business and public affairs of Tazewell county. He was a man of very fine mental and business qualities. He had served the people for twenty-four years as sheriff and associate sheriff of the county; and in 1885-6 he served them most acceptably as their representative in the Virginia House of Delegates. His popularity and fitness for positions of trust were shown by his triumphant election when a candidate for office, though in each instance he was opposed by strong and popular men.

For the past six years he had been president of the Bank of Clinch Valley, and under his administration the bank grew in strength and popularity. He had been for many years actively engaged in the live stock business and had bought and shipped many thousand head. For some years he was a member of the firm of Crockett & Moss, composed of himself and the late Joseph Moss; and at the time of his death was associated with S. J. Thompson in the same business, under the firm name of Crockett & Thompson. He was very popular with the graziers of this county, of Russell and other counties of the Southwest, many of them having sold him their stock for years past.

John W. Crockett was a brave, scrupulously honest man and a steadfast friend. His death is a public loss, and is a personal loss to the writer, as he had been one of our truest and best friends ever since the writer became a resident of Tazewell. And with his family, relatives and friends we shall grieve and miss him.

On Sunday at 11 a. m. funeral services were held at the home of the deceased, conducted by the Rev. G. C. Rector. The house was insufficient to accommodate the crowd that gathered there to pay a last tribute to the deceased, and hundreds were clustered on the beautiful grounds that surround the house. They came from all parts of the county, from Russell, from Bluefield and other places. The procession that followed the remains to the cemetery was the largest ever seen at Tazewell; and at least one thousand persons gathered about the grave when all that was mortal of John W. Crockett was placed therein. The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful. The piece sent by the officers and directors of the Bank of Clinch Valley was very large and handsome.

POCAHONTAS TO PANAMA CANAL

Casner, Curran & Bullitt to Furnish 260,000 Tons of Coal for Isthmus. The Bluefield Telegraph of April 24th, says:

Bluefield will be pleased to learn that the concern of Casner, Curran & Bullitt, which handles almost the entire product of the Pocahontas coal field, has been awarded the contract for furnishing 260,000 tons of coal to the Panama Canal Commission. This coal is to be used to supply the needs of the government at Panama during the coming year. Casner, Curran & Bullitt will begin shipping fuel in a day or so. The first steamer to load with this coal—the Norwegian, Fridtjof Nansen—is coming in from New York to load at Lambert's Point, Norfolk.

The Erie Line was awarded the contract for freighting the coal to the canal and will use the foreign steamers which they have under charter. The total amount of coal sold under this contract was 360,000 tons. Of this Casner, Curran & Bullitt furnish 260,000 tons of Pocahontas, while the Berwind-White Coal Company furnish 100,000 tons of New River. This last goes from Newport News and therefore Hampton Roads got the whole business.

This is a notable achievement, since all the great coal concerns in the United States were competitors and there were fifteen bidders, some of whom bid slightly under Casner, Curran & Bullitt. The coal, however, was offered under certain specifications which required that it should be up to a fixed standard, and Pocahontas, at the price, was adjudged by the government experts to be the cheapest.

Each cargo will be sampled by an agent of the geological survey and the coal will be analyzed and must come up to specifications. The securing of this contract by Casner, Curran & Bullitt means that nearly three-fourths of one million of dollars will come here during the next twelve months in payment for this coal.

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Prominent Attorney Answers Last Summons.

The McDowell Recorder, Welch, W. Va., of April 24th, gives the following account of the death of General Edgar P. Rucker, a prominent attorney and coal operator of that place:

General Edgar P. Rucker, one of the best known attorneys and coal operators in this section of the State died in a hospital at Washington Tuesday from the effects of an operation which he had gone there to have performed. He was about fifty years of age and leaves a wife and one daughter.

Mr. Rucker first came to Welch in 1893, at which time he became the senior partner in the firm of Rucker, Keller & Hamill, which firm was later changed to Rucker & Oldfield, and later to Rucker, Anderson & Hughes, and continued under that name until about three years ago when D. J. F. Strother became a member of the firm and the name was changed to Rucker, Anderson, Strother & Hughes.

In 1896 Mr. Rucker was elected to the office of Attorney General which position he filled with credit to himself and benefit to the section from which he was elected and to the State generally. Although for the past few years taking no active part in the politics of the State, Mr. Rucker retained a vast influence over State affairs and to his influence and work is due much of the good which has come to the party to which he belonged.

He was a member of the Methodist Church and has for a number of years been an enthusiastic church worker. To his efforts and generosity is due a large part of the church building in which the congregation of which he was a member now worships.

Mr. Rucker had been in ill health for a long time, and during the past three years has consulted a number of specialists in this and foreign countries, and his death is due to an operation which it was hoped would effect a cure.

By his death the community loses one of its best citizens, the church one of its most valued members, and his family a loving husband and father.

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HOLD UP PAY ROLL WAGON

Highwaymen Rob U. S. Coal & Coke Co. Superintendents Near Gary, W. Va.

STEAL BETWEEN \$12,000 AND \$15,000 AND ESCAPE

Bluefield, W. Va., April 28.—The United States Coal and Coke Company's pay roll wagon, loaded with between \$12,000 and \$15,000, was held up and robbed this morning at 9:30, between Gary and Wilcoe, by four armed Italians. The robbers succeeded in getting away with the entire payroll, which was in two suit cases and done up in regular payroll envelopes.

The money was to have met the semi-monthly payroll at No. 2 works, one of twelve operations which are being worked by the coal company, which is a subsidiary company of the United States Steel Company.

The wagon had left the Gary National Bank and had proceeded about half a mile when suddenly four armed men jumped out and commenced shooting at the men on the wagon.

The men in the vehicle were F. E. Payne and E. M. Esser, superintendents of two of the operations.

The men had no one with them, and they immediately jumped from the wagon and commenced to return the fire with their guns.

All of the men were armed with repeating Winchester.

While the guards were engaged with three of the robbers, the other one stole in from behind and seized the two suit cases and immediately started to run.

As soon as the guards saw what had happened they began to shoot at the fleeing robber but on account of the excitement they were not able to shoot with certainty. Meanwhile all of the robbers began to back away under the cover of the bushes, and kept up a running fire which the guards returned without doing any damage.

The man with the grips was making his escape at a rapid pace when suddenly another of the men grabbed one of the grips and commenced to run with him, while the other two kept up a rapid fire to cover the retreat of the men.

As the men raced up the mountainside the pace became too rapid for the robbers, who finally set down their grips, and while resting, continued to fire. One of the shots thus fired struck a small boy in the arm, while another struck the same boy in the leg.

Meanwhile, telephone connections were made with the offices of the company and miners in all directions were notified of what had taken place.

The miners immediately dropped their picks and ran with all speed to the scene of the robbery and in less than half an hour at least one thousand men were in full chase after the highwaymen.

Even office men stopped work and all of the company's employees are out tonight in search of the men who disappeared in the direction of Big Four, W. Va., evidently making for the Norfolk & Western lines, where they expect to board a train and make good their escape.

Mr. O'Toole, general superintendent of the coal company, offered a reward of \$1,000 for the capture of the robbers, and every man on the works claims that he will win it.

At 10 o'clock tonight the men were still out, and although they had been searching for thirteen hours, they have not been able to capture the robbers. It is thought that they may have fled to some unknown cave and are hiding there until the immediate excitement is over.

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VIRGINIA—In the Clerk's Office of the Circuit Court of the County of Tazewell, on the 22nd day of April, 1908.

W. H. Barrett, Plaintiff,

against Mary Barrett, Defendant.

The object of this suit is to obtain an absolute divorce for the complainant from the defendant. And an affidavit having been made and filed that the defendant, Mary Barrett, is not a resident of the State of Virginia, it is ordered that she do appear here within fifteen days after due publication hereof and do what may be necessary to protect her interest in this suit.

And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published once a week for four successive weeks in the Tazewell Republican, a newspaper published at Tazewell, Tazewell county, Va., and that a copy be posted at the front door of the courthouse as prescribed by law.

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Two Battleships.

Washington, April 27.—By an overwhelming vote, the President's four-battleships program failed in the Senate, just as it did in the House. The amendment for four battleships was introduced by Senator Piles, and the fight for its adoption was led by Senator Beveridge. Twenty-three votes were cast for the increased program, the number largely being made up of recently-elected senators. Fifty senators voted to support the House, and the recommendation of the Senate Naval Committee in favor of building only two battleships.

The debate on the battleship amendment lasted three days to the exclusion of all other matters. It was begun by Senator Beveridge with an eloquent appeal for the support of the President and a suggestion that the larger navy might be needed for war. Members of the committee upbraided the Indiana Senator for this veiled hint of war with another country, and sought to make him admit that he meant Japan. At times the discussion came near becoming acrimonious, especially sharp exchanges occurring between Senators Aldrich and Beveridge. The former's references to Mr. Beveridge excited Senator Smith of Michigan to protest against the Senate chamber being "made a slaughter house for the young Senator from Indiana."

It was developed by Senator Allison during the debate that there is a well-defined understanding among the Senate leaders for the authorization of two battleships each year, until the American navy is regarded as sufficient to meet any demands that may be made upon it.

As finally passed the bill carried appropriations aggregating \$123,115,659, and provides for the construction of two battleships, and two colliers, and the purchase of three additional colliers, the construction of submarine and other necessary craft, and increases the pay of officers and enlisted men, as well as increasing both the pay and the strength of the marine corps.

In the debate Senators Stone, Carter, Clapp, Foraker, Allison, Perkins, Hemenway, Dick, Daniel and Bacon

spoke in opposition to the four battleships amendment.

Among those who spoke in favor of four battleships were Senators Sutherland, Owen, Dupont, Hepburn, Fulton and Beveridge.

Declaring that there is no cloud of war on the horizon, Senator Daniel of Virginia, said that the building of a navy slowly is the best method for securing an efficient navy.

Pounding Mill Items.

Farmers are busy planting corn.

The following persons from this place attended the burial of John W. Crockett at Tazewell on last Sunday: Messrs. J. B. Hurt, A. J. Myers, William, R. K. and Sanders Gillespie.

Miss Cora Christian will go to Tazewell this afternoon to attend the teachers' examination.

Miss Effie Williams who had been teaching in the Richlands High School, is at home. School closed last week.

Mrs. W. B. Steele went to Tazewell Saturday on a shopping expedition and returned Sunday. She was the guest of her cousin, Mrs. T. A. Repass.

Rev. George R. Thomas preached at Cedar Bluff Sunday.

Rev. T. A. Repass, Jr., of Tazewell, preached here Sunday at 11 and at Maxwell in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Griffith, of Raven, visited relatives at this place Sunday.

Mrs. Wm. Lambert and the baby and sister, Miss Lyda Griffith, left today to visit their mother, Mrs. Ratliffe, in Little Valley.

Misses Lettie and Mattie Ringstaff were visiting at Cedar Bluff Sunday.

G. A. Riley returned last week from a visit to his parents in Crockett's Cove. R. H. Ratliffe visited C. P. Williams and W. B. Steele Monday and Tuesday, respectively. He expects to start to Texas in June where he will make his future home.

Prof. Sharp gave an entertainment (elocation) in the High School building at Cedar Bluff last night. April 28th, 1908.

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